

AGLC COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR APRIL 2024
AS REPORTED IN MARCH 2024

Christian Education / Youth Group

During the month of March we had a few new faces helping out with our kids and had they had a great time! I had help from Linnea Wolter's, Amanda Brekhus, and Emily Wegner who all stepped up and helped with the kids at various times and they did a great job!

Confirmation had a great month of March. Our mentoring groups were a huge success and will definitely be something that we look forward to doing again next year. Nick and Christine did a great job teaching and connecting with our confirmands this month and I'm excited to continue talking with our kids about the things that make being Lutheran so unique!

Youth Group: Much like last month, March was a delight. These students continue to impress me and their insights are always eye opening. We had a few great conversations this month; one of them was on trust and how that impacts our lives, both spiritually and relationally, and our second conversation was on anxiety. In both of these conversations, we had videos provided by the students, and one of them had a complete power point presentation to walk us through how the brain is working when you're anxious. It was amazing. Our kids are incredibly gifted and so smart and I am so excited to continue empowering them and giving them the tools they need to be rooted in their faith and leaders in a world that needs them!

March Attendance:

	3/3	3/10 (SB)	3/17	3/24	3/31 (Easter)
Children's Sunday School	7	N/A	7	7	N/A
Confirmation	7	N/A	7	7	N/A
Youth Group	7	N/A	8	7	N/A

Upcoming Events:

- No major events in April
- Vacation Bible School: "I Wonder"
 - June 17-20
 - Registration is live and we already have 4 families signed up!

Fellowship Committee February 2024 Report

Fellowship Committee Report - March 2024

AGLC Monthly 1st Saturday Men's Group Breakfast & Bible Study

All men invited, any age. Breakfast provided by volunteer(s), Message also by volunteer, and all participate in discussion.

Monthly 2nd Saturday Ladies' Fellowship & Scripture Study - resumed in March.

April - The group will attend the WELCA Spring Retreat at Rejoice Lutheran Church.

May - Those who attend the study are invited to join the Mothers' Day Brunch on May 11th.

Secret Sisters - New Season began & Secret Sisters were notified.

Fellowship Committee Meeting - There was no meeting on Sunday, March 18

Wednesday Lenten Meals continued.

Volunteers have signed up at the Fellowship Kiosk for meals. Fellowship provided the last meal.

Abiding Dudes – March 30th - Cooked spiral sliced hams and ribs to raise funds to support those affected by the West Texas Wildfires.

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📅 Ladies' Mothers' Day Brunch - May 11th. All women are invited.

📅 Fellowship Committee Meeting - April 21 [Agenda: "Short narratives" on AGLC ministries]

**Member Care AGLC Council Report
MARCH 2024**

Attendance

*Attendance Counts – binders collected by ushers that members and visitors sign during the church service. Usher count is the “official” count. Jo Kruzel, AGLC Office Manager, inputs the attendance count into Breeze which is the website to identify the number of members and visitors that attend church each Sunday.

*Visitors – visitors are signing into binders but may not include their contact information in binders so while they can be added into Breeze to track their frequency of visiting. It is not possible to send “thank you” for attending note/message if they choose not to provide contact information.

*Online numbers are probably under-represented as it is based on people who sign in online or who check in on Facebook live in the comments section

*Total Count: In-person (members and visitor) plus online worshippers (that can be counted)

	MAR 3	MAR 10	L. Wed M. Thurs G. Fri	MAR 17	MAR 24	MAR 31
In Person	150	120	L 3/6 - 52 L 3/13- 42 L 3/20 ? M 3/28 G 3/29	156	201	7:30 serv. 65 10:00 serv/ 260
Online	14	10		8	10	0 / 9
Total	164	130		164	211	65 / 269
visitors	12	20		10	10	10 / 35

MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE – Meeting was held on March 3, 2024

ENCOURAGEMENT (HOMEBOUND MEMBERS): The committee began planning gathering items for a care basket for the homebound members. Lori Anderson suggested that this could be a project included in the AGLC Great Day of Service and possibly include the youth group to help with assembling the baskets and delivering them. Linnea Wolters will follow up with her regarding that idea.

VISITORS: We will hand out a bookmark to visitors and congregation before Holy Week with the dates and time of each service during the week. Pam Berg has designed a bookmark and will have them made. Diaena Zamora will hand them out to people that come to church on Sunday, March 17.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Met on Monday, March 18, 2024

A guest speaker, Peggy Harrington, with Placing Russel, spoke to the group about finding long-term care. The Stephen Ministry are planning to lead the church service on April 21, 2024.

COLLEGE CARE: A sweet treat was sent to the AGLC college-aged members for Easter.

Outreach

Outreach Report for March 2024 Council Meeting

ELCA Hunger Grant Update

Garden has been planted. Work days will be scheduled.

Outreach During Lent (February 14 – March 31)

“Home is Where the Heart Is”

We collected items for Unit 3

Kim Haggerty is working on coordinating updates and repairs

Work day to get it finished and ready will be on Great Day of Service May 4

Great Day of Service - May 4

- April 7 - held a planning meeting.
- Breakfast at church 8:30 - 9:00am provided by Abiding Dudes

- Kickoff to signup for projects using Sign up Genius will be April 14 - link will be in Wednesday Connections and QR code will be on poster at Outreach kiosk
- Advertisement: Temple talks, bulletin, newsletter

Below is list of projects confirmed so far:

Organization	Project	Lead	Status	Time	Place	# Volunteers	Age Restrictions
HSNT (animal rescue)	adoption event at Mayfest	Christine Riggs	Confirmed	10am – 12pm	Mayfest – Fort Worth	8	Adults 18+
Encouragement Ministry	assemble and deliver gift baskets to homebound members	Linnea Wolters	Confirmed	9am – 12pm	Church and then visit people's homes	Flexible but goal is for at least 8 individuals/families for each to make 2 visits to our approximately 12-14 homebound members	Open to all ages
GRACE Transition Unit	Help get Unit 3 ready for client	Kim Haggerty	Confirmed	9am – 12pm	GRACE Transition Unit 3		Open to all ages
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Gardening and Pantry	Pastor Kathryn Saunders	Confirmed	9am – 12pm	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Flexible but at least 8-10	Open to all ages

Grand Prairie Homeless Outreach Organization	assemble non-perishable food bags for homeless	Diaena Zamora	Confirmed	9am – 12pm	Church	Flexible but at least 8-10	Open to all ages
Women in Stitches	Sew, knit, crochet items for local organization and Lutheran World Relief	Susie Henning	Confirmed	9am – 12pm	Church	Flexible but at least 8-10	Open to all ages
Harbor Chase	Donuts and games with residents	Schuetz Family	Confirmed	10am – 11am	Harbor Chase	Flexible but at least 8-10	Open to all ages

Personnel

No changes or updates at this time.

Property Committee

AGLC Property Committee Minutes 3/5/24

Attendees: Alan Kohutek, Christine Riggs, Tim Scheutz, Jerry Court, Guy Griffin, Paul Payne, Craig Williamson

Council Representative:

- Work on the Office stairs is approved and will start 4/4/24.
- The Council and Pastor asked for copies of the well quote, presentation, and comments, for review. Tim will forward.
- Crush and backfill of the old septic is permitted and work will begin 4/4/24.
Completed
- The lighting vendor has scheduled repairs to the Abiding Grace sign for late April

Old Business

- Hire lawn and/or garden maintenance. Lawn care expenses will be included in the proposed budget for 2024-2025. The budget will be broken down to several line items so each line can be reviewed and approved.
- The Education Building dormer soffit: Alan provided measurements to Tim to fabricate panels.
- Church Mutual inspection action items. Jerry stated compliance is very important to keeping coverage. Tim will scan and send 4/2/24 and copy the committee members present.
- Lights in the Sanctuary bathroom hallway: Paul replaced the middle light, two fixtures need repair. Craig will ask Mike McTaggart whether he can do the repairs.
- Lights for the cross in front of the Church: Christine is obtaining a light
- Spring Workday March 23, 2024. Completed.
- Youth building porch cover: The project is complete, however, a section of siding needs repair. Craig will work with Tim.
- Wicker chairs outside the Sanctuary: Contact Craig if you find replacements. Alayna Payne has been asked to help locate replacements.
- Youth building sink height: These are the project sinks in the classrooms. Craig will ask Kyle whether they are needed and, if not, what he would like to replace them with.
- Leak on the North end of the Sanctuary. Christine asked the roofing contractor to inspect for a leak. He checked and found none on 4/2/24.
- Repair of 3 pole lights. Tony Seris contacted the vendor for a quote. The timer for the poles in the North lot needs to be checked at the same time.

New Business

- The timer on the lights in the North parking lot turns off well before dawn.

- The exterior light on the Fellowship room door has a loose connection
- Rainwater accumulating in the gravel turnaround
- Smoker fire boxes are cracked
- The Property Committee Mission has been requested by Council

Stewardship and Endowment

Stewardship Meeting Report:

Highlights:

Estate Planning Seminar planned for 24 April

Stewardship campaign to begin 28 April and culminate with pledges and time and talent forms on 19 May

Goal is for all parishioners to review their giving

Tim Draney to edit and update trifold brochure

Tony Series to create 3 60 second impact videos

Pete Marquart to create mission statement for visioning committee

Worship and Music

Worship and Music committee met March 17 with 7 members present to plan for Holy Week services.

Altar Guild

- We prepared palms and communion for 194 attendees on Palm Sunday.
- Seven members prepared communion, stripped the altar and draped it in black during

the Maundy Thursday service.

- Eight members met on Saturday to prepare communion for two services on Easter.
- We took down the advent banners and paraments and decorated the sanctuary for Easter. Easter morning we helped serve and then clean up after communion for 284 total attendees.

Music

- Lift Every Voice Choir sang at 5 services in March
- Grace Notes rang handbells at 2 services
- Praise Team sang at 3 services

Upcoming events

Worship Assistant Training April 14 following worship.

There will be attended tables set up for each worship assistant function along with job descriptions and a current volunteer to answer any questions.

Next Worship and Music Meeting is on April 21 following worship.